

the last four decades. Through their live performances and the music and songs still played on radio stations around the world every day, the members of Lynyrd Skynyrd have established themselves as timeless artists who transcend any one musical era or generation.

As validated by their induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006, Lynyrd Skynyrd has had a seminal impact on the development of rock and country music and a profound influence on the career development of many artists who followed in their creative footsteps.

Through their collective voices, the band has become a beacon for regional identity and pride in the American South. This is perhaps best epitomized by the song "Sweet Home Alabama," an anthem so universally identified with the state of Alabama that it is the official motto displayed on license plates.

Since their start in Jacksonville, Florida in the late 1960s, Lynyrd Skynyrd has been a spokesman for the everyday working man and woman, the friends and neighbors of their formative years. Their ability to capture a unique part of the American spirit has given their music emotional meaning to many fans and built a legacy that continues to grow year after year.

Amid triumph and loss, these sons of the south have evolved from band to close-knit family. A tragic airplane crash in 1977 claimed original members Steve Gaines, Cassie Gaines, and lead singer Ronnie Van Zant, but Ronnie's brother Johnny carried on the tradition as the new vocalist. Devoted fans cherish the contributions of Bob Burns, Ed King, and Artimus Pyle and remember the legacy of Allen Collins, Leon Wilkeson, Billy Powell, and Ean Evans. Today, led by core members Johnny Van Zant, Gary Rossington, Rickey Medlock, and Michael Cartellone, Lynyrd Skynyrd continues to share an unbreakable bond with the fans they count as family as well.

Lynyrd Skynyrd has been a generous supporter of our men and women in the armed forces for many years. The band has long understood that our military personnel bravely and unselfishly stand guard over our everyday security and freedom. They have enthusiastically raised money for military families and played countless shows for our service members in uniform. Their song "Red, White, and Blue" was written as a tribute to the men and women who serve in the defense of freedom.

As representatives of timeless American values and champions of working class heroes, Lynyrd Skynyrd continues to entertain and inspire millions of fans across the world. Along with Congressman MACK, I find it highly appropriate that the people's House takes time to recognize this classic band for lasting contributions not just to the world of music, but to American popular culture as a whole.

LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA—
THE BARBEQUE CAPITAL OF THE
WORLD

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, we call Lexington, North Carolina, the Barbeque Capital

of the World. On April 29–30, 2011, the eyes of the barbeque world will be focused on Lexington as it hosts the Inaugural BBQ Capital Cook-off.

The Cook-off, which hopes to become an annual competition, will not only feature the tastiest food in the world, but will aid in the restoration of downtown Lexington. With people coming from all over the east coast and midwest, hotels will be utilized, food will be eaten, gas will be pumped, and most importantly, people from all over the United States will come to celebrate the heritage and history of world-famous, Lexington-style barbeque.

Uptown Lexington, Inc., has spearheaded the restoration of Lexington and is continuing that goal by hosting the cook-off. The organization has also applied to the Kansas City Barbeque Society for event sanctioning and has asked Governor Beverly Perdue to proclaim the event as a North Carolina State Barbeque Championship.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District, we congratulate Uptown Lexington, Inc., for sponsoring the Inaugural BBQ Capital Cook-off. We extend best wishes for a rousing success in the Barbecue Capital of the World.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THAT THE UNITED STATES PROMOTE
RESPECT FOR AND FULL
APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS
OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES,
CONSISTENT WITH U.S. LAW

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution for the United States to promote respect for and full application of the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, consistent with U.S. law.

That Declaration is a landmark instrument outlining the rights of the world's 370 million indigenous peoples in 70 countries. A non-binding text comparable to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples sets out the individual and collective rights of indigenous peoples, as well as their rights to culture, identity, language, employment, health and education.

The United States was one of only four member states of the United Nations to vote against the declaration in 2007, while 143 voted in favor. Three of the four states who initially voted against it have already reversed their opposition to the Declaration or are in the process of doing so. Meanwhile, the U.S. Government has launched a formal review of the Declaration to determine whether the United States will change its stance.

Today, indigenous peoples face disproportionate discrimination, inadequate health care, violent crime, poverty, unemployment and environmental degradation even as they struggle to maintain their own institutions, cultures and traditions.

The United States has taken great steps to improve the condition of indigenous peoples,

including hosting a historic meeting of nearly 500 tribal leaders last year and President Obama's issuance of an Executive Order on Consultation and Coordination with Tribal Governments. Yet, as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice has said, "far more must be done—at home and abroad—to tackle" the challenges facing indigenous peoples.

The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples provides an important framework for addressing indigenous issues globally. To further U.S. leadership in improving the conditions faced by indigenous people, the United States should promote respect for and full application of the provisions of the Declaration as soon as possible.

I urge all my colleagues to join me and Representatives ELLISON, BARBARA LEE, CHRISTENSEN, GRIJALVA, HASTINGS, DELAHUNT, HONDA, JOHN LEWIS and GEORGE MILLER in supporting this resolution and moving it toward speedy adoption.

CHRISTOPHER BREWER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Christopher Brewer who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Christopher Brewer is a 10th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Christopher Brewer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Christopher Brewer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN DERON
BERTHOLD

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Deron Berthold, who has virtuously served the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

After 20 years of dedicated service, Captain Berthold will retire from the Kentucky State Police. However, he leaves behind a great legacy and is an example for all current and future officers.

Captain Berthold earned his degree from the University of Louisville and went on to graduate from Police Academy on November 23, 1981, receiving the Commissioner's Commendation Award.

Throughout his career, Captain Berthold demonstrated exemplary dedication and outstanding leadership, working his way up